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DES MOINES, IOWA, AUG. 12 (AP)-THE DES MOINES REGISTER AND MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE SAYS IN A DISPATCH FROM THEIR WASHINGTON BUREAU THAT HANS V. TOFTE INDICATES HE HAS INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BAY OF PIGS, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND VIETNAMESE OPERATIONS THAT COULD CREATE "EMBARRASSING ISSUES" FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

TOFTE, A CIA OPERATIVE WHO WAS SUSPENDED AFTER PAPERS WERE SEIZED AT HIS HOME IN WASHINGTON BY CIA SECURITY OFFICERS JULY 24, WROTE A THREE-PAGE LETTER TO A FRIEND AT MASON CITY, IOWA, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CLARK MOLLENHOFF SAID IN HIS STORY FOR THE COWLEY NEWSPAPERS.

MOLLENHOFF SAID THAT TOFTE REVEALED IN THE LETTER "THAT HIS ANALYSIS OF THE BAY OF PIGS AND SERIOUS BLUNDERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND VIET NAM" WERE AMONG PAPERS SEIZED.

MOLLENHOFF WROTE, "TOFTE INDICATED THE CIA SECURITY RAID ON HIS HOME MIGHT HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO SEIZE THE HIGHLY CRITICAL ANALYSES."

THE DISPATCH SAID TOFTE HAS WRITTEN THE FRIEND, CHARLES E. STRICKLAND, ASKING THAT HE INFORM FRIENDS OF TOFTE'S CONTROVERSY WITH THE CIA. THE STORY ADDED:

"HE INDICATED HE HOPES TO FORCE AN EXPOSE AND A CLEANUP OF TOP PERSONNEL AT THE CIA, AND ANTICIPATES A DIFFICULT AND BITTER FIGHT." MOLLENHOFF WROTE THAT MOST OF THE LETTER REPRESENTED AN ATTACK ON CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS AND CARRIED IMPLICATION THAT HELMS WAS ONE OF "THOSE WHO PLANNED AND EXECUTED THE DISASTROUS BAY OF PIGS INVASION." THE LETTER SAID THE OTHERS ARE STILL THERE "IN BIGGER AND BETTER JOBS."

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THE DISPATCH QUOTED TOFTE AS SAYING CERTAIN CIA OFFICIALS TRIED TO "RAILROAD" HIM OUT OF THE AGENCY IN 1961 BUT FAILED.

IT SAID THAT AT NO POINT IN THE LETTER DID TOFTE STATE THAT HE WOULD MAKE ALL OF THE "EMBARRASSING" INFORMATION PUBLIC "BUT THE LETTER CARRIED THE IMPLICATION THAT HE WILL, IN HIS OWN TIME."

THE CASE BROKE TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN TOFTE WAS QUOTED BY MOLLENHOFF AS SAYING SOME \$20,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM HIS HOME AFTER CIA PERSONNEL HAD BEEN THERE.

THE CIA SAID TOFTE HAD LISTED HIS HOME IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FOR SALE AND A REALTY COMPANY ARRANGED FOR KENNETH R. SLOCUM, ALSO A CIA EMPLOYEE, TO SEE THE PROPERTY. SLOCUM WA

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SLOCUM WAS SHOWN THROUGH THE TOFTE HOME JULY 23 BY TOFTE'S AGED MOTHER-IN-LAW. "DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT," THE CIA SAID, "MR. SLOCUM NOTICED BY CHANCE CLASSIFIED AGENCY MATERIAL IN ONE OF THE ROOMS BEING SHOWN AND REPORTED THIS PROMPTLY TO AGENCY SECURITY OFFICIALS."

LATER SLOCUM AND A CIA SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE R

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